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SUBJECT: ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN

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1. GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES GENERATED BY APRIL 22 WASHINGTON POST STORY HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO YOU BY SEPTEL, ROUTINE PRECEDENCE. LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 2, REFTEL IS BASICALLY SATISFACTORY, THOUGH WE SUGGEST YOU AVOID USE OF PHRASE "BALANCE OF POWER." THE CONCEPT OF "BALANCE" GETS US INTO TROUBLE WITH BOTH THE PAKISTANIS AND THE INDIANS, THOUGH FOR DIFFERENT REASONS. OUR CURRENT PHRASEOLOGY FOR THIS ASPECT OF OUR POLICY IS THAT "WE WISH TO DO NOTHING WHICH WOULD UPSET THE EXISTING OVERALL STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS IN THE AREA."

2. AFGHAN EMBASSY HERE HAS NOT ASKED ABOUT THIS STORY. SISCO

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